

**PARTIAL
STURAA TEST
12 YEAR
500,000 MILE BUS
from
ELDORADO NATIONAL INC.
MODEL E-Z RIDER II
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

EIDorado National Inc., submitted a model E-Z Rider II, CNG-fueled, 27 seat/31-foot bus, for a partial STURAA test in the 12yr/500,000 mile category. The Federal Transit Administration determined that the following tests would be performed: 4. Performance and 6. Fuel Economy Test. Testing started on March 12, 2002 and was completed on March 22, 2002. The Check-In section of the report provides a description of the bus and specifies its major components.

The performance of the bus is illustrated by a speed vs. time plot. Acceleration and gradeability test data are provided in Section 4, Performance. The average time to obtain 50 mph was 31.94 seconds.

A Fuel Economy Test was run on simulated central business district, arterial, and commuter courses. The results were 0.66 M/lb, 0.78 M/lb, and 1.29 M/lb respectively; with an overall average of 0.81 M/lb.

ABBREVIATIONS

ABTC	- Altoona Bus Test Center
A/C	- air conditioner
ADB	- advance design bus
ATA-MC	- The Maintenance Council of the American Trucking Association
CBD	- central business district
CW	- curb weight (bus weight including maximum fuel, oil, and coolant; but without passengers or driver)
dB(A)	- decibels with reference to 0.0002 microbar as measured on the "A" scale
DIR	- test director
DR	- bus driver
EPA	- Environmental Protection Agency
FFS	- free floor space (floor area available to standees, excluding ingress/egress areas, area under seats, area occupied by feet of seated passengers, and the vestibule area)
GVL	- gross vehicle load (150 lb for every designed passenger seating position, for the driver, and for each 1.5 sq ft of free floor space)
GVW	- gross vehicle weight (curb weight plus gross vehicle load)
GVWR	- gross vehicle weight rating
MECH	- bus mechanic
mpg	- miles per gallon
mph	- miles per hour
PM	- Preventive maintenance
PSBRTF	- Penn State Bus Research and Testing Facility
PTI	- Pennsylvania Transportation Institute
rpm	- revolutions per minute
SAE	- Society of Automotive Engineers
SCH	- test scheduler
SEC	- secretary
SLW	- seated load weight (curb weight plus 150 lb for every designed passenger seating position and for the driver)
STURAA	- Surface Transportation and Uniform Relocation Assistance Act
TD	- test driver
TECH	- test technician
TM	- track manager
TP	- test personnel

TEST BUS CHECK-IN

I. OBJECTIVE

The objective of this task is to log in the test bus, assign a bus number, complete the vehicle data form, and perform a safety check.

II. TEST DESCRIPTION

The test consists of assigning a bus test number to the bus, cleaning the bus, completing the vehicle data form, obtaining any special information and tools from the manufacturer, determining a testing schedule, performing an initial safety check, and performing the manufacturer's recommended preventive maintenance. The bus manufacturer must certify that the bus meets all Federal regulations.

III. DISCUSSION

The check-in procedure is used to identify in detail the major components and configuration of the bus.

The test bus consists of an EIDorado National Inc., E-Z Rider II. The bus has a front door, forward of the front axle, and a rear door equipped with an EIDorado National, foldout handicap ramp. Power is provided by a CNG-fueled, John Deere 8.1 L CNG engine coupled to an Allison B300R transmission.

The measured curb weight is 6,460 lbs for the front axle and 17,550 lbs for the rear axle. These combined weights provide a total measured curb weight of 24,010 lbs. There are 27 seats including the driver and room for 12 standing passengers bringing the total passenger capacity to 39. Gross load is calculated as $150 \text{ lb} \times 39 = 5,850 \text{ lbs}$. At full capacity, the measured gross vehicle weight is 29,910 lbs.

VEHICLE DATA FORM

Bus Number: 0209	Arrival Date: 3-12-02
Bus Manufacturer: EIDorado National Inc.	Vehicle Identification Number (VIN): 1N9FLA8GX2CO84077
Model Number: E-Z Rider II	Date: 3-12-02
Personnel: S.C. & E.D.	

WEIGHT:

Individual Wheel Reactions:

Weights (lb)	Front Axle		Middle Axle		Rear Axle	
	Right	Left	Right	Left	Right	Left
CW	3,010	3,450	N/A	N/A	8,780	8,770
SLW	3,720	4,300	N/A	N/A	9,800	10,160
GVW	4,340	4,920	N/A	N/A	10,120	10,530

Total Weight Details:

Weight (lb)	CW	SLW	GVW	GAWR
Front Axle	6,460	8,020	9,260	11,000
Middle Axle	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Rear Axle	17,550	19,960	20,650	23,000
Total	24,010	27,980	29,910	GVWR: 31,800

Dimensions:

Length (ft/in)	31 / 9.25 (with bicycle rack)
Width (in)	102.00
Height (in)	138.00
Front Overhang (in)	101.75
Rear Overhang (in)	119.25
Wheel Base (in)	160.25
Wheel Track (in)	Front: 87.00
	Rear: 79.00

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CLEARANCES:

Lowest Point Outside Front Axle	Location: Suspension	Clearance(in): 10.0
Lowest Point Outside Rear Axle	Location: Frame	Clearance(in): 11.1
Lowest Point between Axles	Location: Rear door	Clearance(in): 10.4
Ground Clearance at the center (in)	10.4	
Front Approach Angle (deg)	10.6	
Rear Approach Angle (deg)	8.2	
Ramp Clearance Angle (deg)	7.4	
Aisle Width (in)	Front - 30.4	Center - 45.1 Rear - 30.5
Inside Standing Height at Center Aisle (in)	Front - 95.3	Rear - 79.7

BODY DETAILS:

Body Structural Type	Monocoque		
Frame Material	Steel		
Body Material	Fiberglass & Aluminum		
Floor Material	Plywood		
Roof Material	Fiberglass & Aluminum		
Windows Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Fixed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Movable	
Window Mfg./Model No.	TIG / AS3 L26 DOT 573		
Number of Doors	<u> 1 </u> Front	<u> 1 </u> Rear	
Mfr. / Model No.	Vapor Corp. / Slide/Glide		
Dimension of Each Door (in)	Front - 79.0 x 37.2	Rear - 79.7 x 37.5	
Passenger Seat Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Cantilever	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pedestal	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain)
Mfr. / Model No.	American Seating Co. / 6468T		
Driver Seat Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air	<input type="checkbox"/> Spring	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain)
Mfr. / Model No.	Recaro / Ergo Metro		
Number of Seats (including Driver)	27 + 2 Wheelchair positions		
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BODY DETAILS (Contd..)

Free Floor Space (ft ²)	18.0				
Height of Each Step at Normal Position (in)	Front	1. <u>14.3</u>	2. <u>N/A</u>	3. <u>N/A</u>	4. <u>N/A</u>
	Middle	1. <u>N/A</u>	2. <u>N/A</u>	3. <u>N/A</u>	4. <u>N/A</u>
	Rear	1. <u>14.0</u>	2. <u>N/A</u>	3. <u>N/A</u>	4. <u>N/A</u>
Step Elevation Change - Kneeling (in)	4.0				

ENGINE

Type	<input type="checkbox"/> C.I.	<input type="checkbox"/> Alternate Fuel	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> S.I.	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain)	
Mfr. / Model No.	John Deere / 8.1 L CNG		
Location	<input type="checkbox"/> Front	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rear	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain)
Fuel Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Gasoline	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CNG	<input type="checkbox"/> Methanol
	<input type="checkbox"/> Diesel	<input type="checkbox"/> LNG	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain)
Fuel Tank Capacity	15,390 scf @ 3600 psi		
Fuel Induction Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Injected	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carburetion	
Fuel Injector Mfr. / Model No.	N/A		
Throttle Body Mfr. / Model No.	Woodward Fuel Delivery / Flo-Tech60		
Fuel Pump Mfr. / Model No.	N/A		
Alternator (Generator) Mfr. / Model No.	Leece - Neville / A0014867JB		
Maximum Rated Output (Volts / Amps)	14 / 270		
Air Compressor Mfr. / Model No.	Bendix Tu Flo / 550		
Maximum Capacity (ft ³ / min)	15.5		
Starter Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Electrical	<input type="checkbox"/> Pneumatic	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain)
Starter Mfr. / Model No.	John Deere - Denso / RE69704		

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TRANSMISSION

Transmission Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Manual	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Automatic	
Mfr. / Model No.	Allison / B300R		
Control Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Mechanical	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Electrical	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
Torque Converter Mfr. / Model No.	Allison / B300R		
Integral Retarder Mfr. / Model No.	Allison / B300R		

SUSPENSION

Number of Axles	2		
Front Axle Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Independent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Beam Axle	
Mfr. / Model No.	Meritor / FF 946LX3		
Axle Ratio (if driven)	N/A		
Suspension Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air	<input type="checkbox"/> Spring	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain)
No. of Shock Absorbers	2		
Mfr. / Model No.	Koni / 3701		
Middle Axle Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Independent	<input type="checkbox"/> Beam Axle	
Mfr. / Model No.	N/A		
Axle Ratio (if driven)	N/A		
Suspension Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Air	<input type="checkbox"/> Spring	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain)
No. of Shock Absorbers	N/A		
Mfr. / Model No.	N/A		
Rear Axle Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Independent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Beam Axle	
Mfr. / Model No.	Meritor / RS23160NFL1126		
Axle Ratio (if driven)	4:89		
Suspension Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air	<input type="checkbox"/> Spring	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain)
No. of Shock Absorbers	2		
Mfr. / Model No.	Koni / 902665		
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WHEELS & TIRES

Front	Wheel Mfr./ Model No.	Alcoa 7,300 Load / 22.5 x 7.5
	Tire Mfr./ Model No.	Michelin XZU / 275/70R 22.5
Rear	Wheel Mfr./ Model No.	Alcoa 7,300 Load / 22.5 x 7.5
	Tire Mfr./ Model No.	Michelin XZU / 275/70R 22.5

BRAKES

Front Axle Brakes Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cam	<input type="checkbox"/> Disc	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain)
Mfr. / Model No.	Meritor / Q Plus		
Middle Axle Brakes Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Cam	<input type="checkbox"/> Disc	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain)
Mfr. / Model No.	N/A		
Rear Axle Brakes Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cam	<input type="checkbox"/> Disc	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain)
Mfr. / Model No.	Meritor / Q Plus		
Retarder Type	Hydraulic activated transmission retarder		
Mfr. / Model No.	Allison / B300R		

HVAC

Heating System Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Air	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
Capacity (Btu/hr)	110,000 rear / 60,000 front		
Mfr. / Model No.	Carrier / RM35		
Air Conditioner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
Location	Rear above engine & Dash		
Capacity (Btu/hr)	90,000 rear / 24,000 front		
A/C Compressor Mfr. / Model No.	Carrier Transcold / ADM - 5		

STEERING

Steering Gear Box Type	Hydraulic gear
Mfr. / Model No.	Sheppard / M100
Steering Wheel Diameter	19.9
Number of turns (lock to lock)	3.50

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OTHERS

Wheel Chair Ramps	Location: Right rear door	Type: Fold-out electric ramp
Wheel Chair Lifts	Location: N/A	Type: N/A
Mfr. / Model No.	EIDorado National / Fold-out	
Emergency Exit	Location: Windows Doors Hatch	Number: 3 2 1

CAPACITIES

Fuel Tank Capacity	15,390 scf @ 3,600 psi
Engine Crankcase Capacity (gallons)	6.0
Transmission Capacity (gallons)	5.0
Differential Capacity (gallons)	5.0
Cooling System Capacity (quarts)	7.0
Power Steering Fluid Capacity (gallons)	7.0

COMPONENT/SUBSYSTEM INSPECTION FORM

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Subsystem	Checked	Comments
Air Conditioning Heating and Ventilation	✓	
Body and Sheet Metal	✓	
Frame	✓	
Steering	✓	
Suspension	✓	
Interior/Seating	✓	
Axles	✓	
Brakes	✓	
Tires/Wheels	✓	
Exhaust	✓	
Fuel System	✓	
Power Plant	✓	
Accessories	✓	
Lift System	✓	
Interior Fasteners	✓	
Batteries	✓	

CHECK - IN



ELDORADO NATIONAL INC.'S MODEL E-Z RIDER II



4. PERFORMANCE - AN ACCELERATION, GRADEABILITY, AND TOP SPEED TEST

4-I. TEST OBJECTIVE

The objective of this test is to determine the acceleration, gradeability, and top speed capabilities of the bus.

4-II. TEST DESCRIPTION

In this test, the bus will be operated at SLW on the skid pad at the PSBRTF. The bus will be accelerated at full throttle from a standstill to a maximum "geared" or "safe" speed as determined by the test driver. The vehicle speed is measured using a Correvit non-contacting speed sensor. The times to reach speed between ten mile per hour increments are measured and recorded using a stopwatch with a lap timer. The time to speed data will be recorded on the Performance Data Form and later used to generate a speed vs time plot and gradeability calculations.

4-III. DISCUSSION

This test consists of three runs in both the clockwise and counterclockwise directions on the Test Track. Velocity versus time data is obtained for each run and results are averaged together to minimize any test variability which might be introduced by wind or other external factors. The test was performed up to a maximum speed of 50 mph. The fitted curve of velocity vs time is attached, followed by the calculated gradeability results. The average time to obtain 50 mph was 31.94 seconds.

PERFORMANCE DATA FORM

Bus Number: 0209	Date: 3-22-02
Personnel: S.C., B.S. & E.D.	
Temperature (°F): 30	Humidity (%): 44
Wind Direction: W	Wind Speed (mph): 10
Barometric Pressure (in.Hg): 29.95	
Air Conditioning compressor-OFF	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Checked
Ventilation fans-ON HIGH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Checked
Heater pump motor-Off	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Checked
Defroster-OFF	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Checked
Exterior and interior lights-ON	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Checked
Windows and doors-CLOSED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Checked

ACCELERATION, GRADEABILITY, TOP SPEED			
Counter Clockwise Recorded Interval Times			
Speed	Run 1	Run 2	Run 3
10 mph	3.096	2.98	3.00
20 mph	5.94	5.25	5.53
30 mph	10.34	9.45	9.22
40 mph	17.77	17.35	16.47
Top Test Speed(mph) 50	30.33	29.79	29.50
Clockwise Recorded Interval Times			
Speed	Run 1	Run 2	Run 3
10 mph	3.34	3.43	3.25
20 mph	5.80	5.74	6.22
30 mph	9.27	9.58	11.16
40 mph	18.77	17.17	18.19
Top Test Speed(mph) 50	34.79	34.24	35.01

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PERFORMANCE SUMMARY SHEET

BUS MANUFACTURER : ELDORADO NATIONAL BUS NUMBER : 0209
BUS MODEL : EZ-RIDER II TEST DATE : 03/22/02

TEST CONDITIONS :

TEMPERATURE (DEG F) : 30.0
WIND DIRECTION : W
WIND SPEED (MPH) : 10.0
HUMIDITY (%) : 44
BAROMETRIC PRESSURE (IN. HG) : 30.0

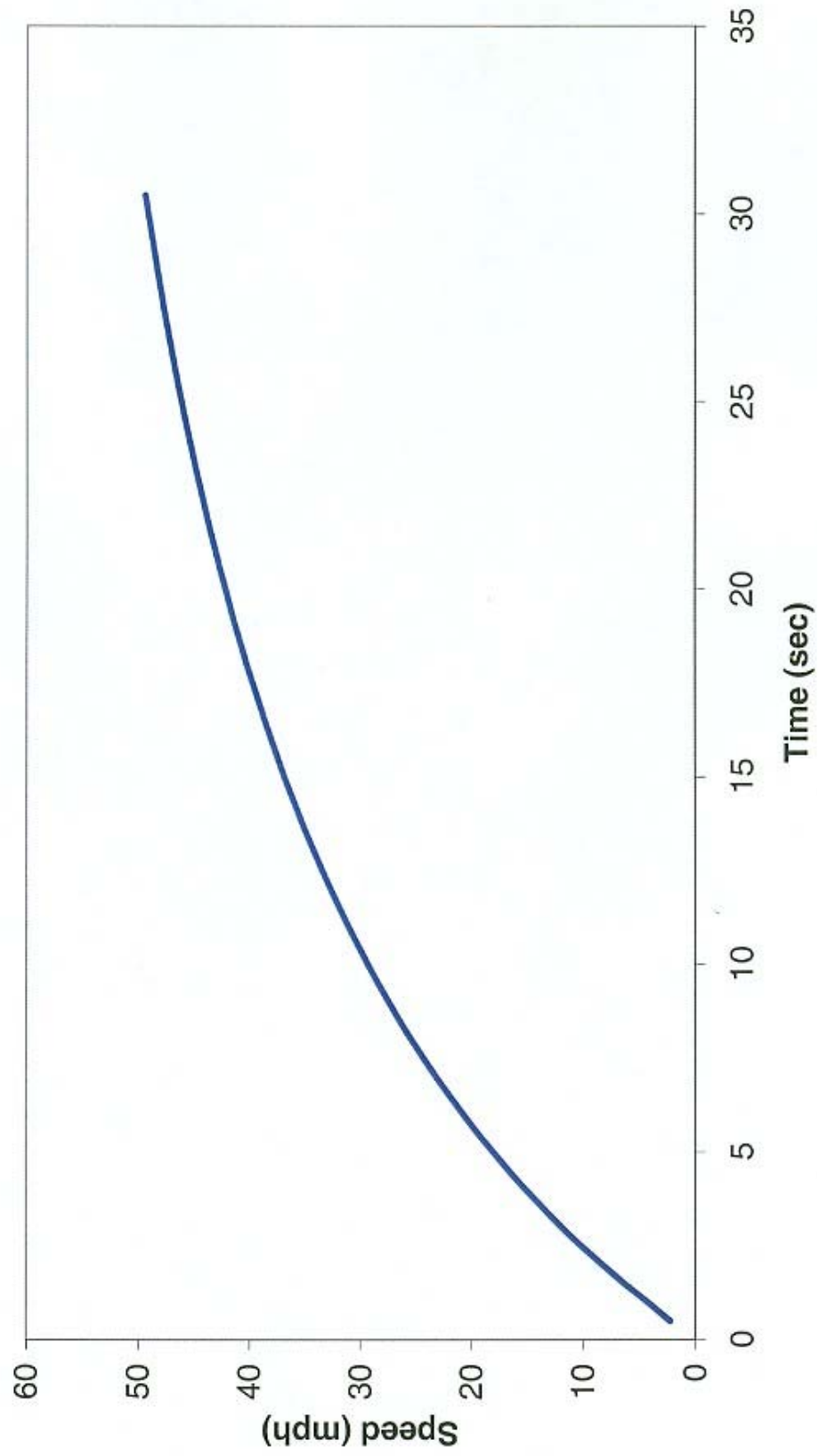
VEHICLE SPEED (MPH)	AVERAGE TIME (SEC)		
	CCW DIRECTION	CW DIRECTION	TOTAL
10.0	3.03	3.34	3.18
20.0	5.57	5.92	5.75
30.0	9.67	10.00	9.84
40.0	17.20	18.04	17.62
50.0	29.87	34.01	31.94

TEST SUMMARY :

VEHICLE SPEED (MPH)	TIME (SEC)	ACCELERATION (FT/SEC^2)	MAX. GRADE (%)
1.0	.22	6.6	21.0
5.0	1.15	6.0	19.0
10.0	2.46	5.2	16.5
15.0	3.96	4.5	14.2
20.0	5.73	3.8	12.0
25.0	7.83	3.2	9.9
30.0	10.39	2.6	8.0
35.0	13.60	2.0	6.3
40.0	17.77	1.5	4.8
45.0	23.43	1.1	3.4
50.0	31.70	.7	2.2

NOTE : Gradeability results were calculated from performance
----- test data. Actual sustained gradeability performance
for vehicles equipped with auto transmission may be
lower than the values indicated here.

Velocity vs. Time
Eldorado National #0209



6. FUEL ECONOMY TEST - A FUEL CONSUMPTION TEST USING AN APPROPRIATE OPERATING CYCLE

6-I. TEST OBJECTIVE

The objective of this test is to provide accurate comparable fuel consumption data on transit buses produced by different manufacturers. This fuel economy test bears no relation to the calculations done by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to determine levels for the Corporate Average Fuel Economy Program. EPA's calculations are based on tests conducted under laboratory conditions intended to simulate city and highway driving. This fuel economy test, as designated here, is a measurement of the fuel expended by a vehicle traveling a specified test loop under specified operating conditions. The results of this test will not represent actual mileage but will provide data that can be used by recipients to compare buses tested by this procedure.

6-II. TEST DESCRIPTION

This test requires operation of the bus over a course based on the Transit Coach Operating Duty Cycle (ADB Cycle) at seated load weight using a procedure based on the Fuel Economy Measurement Test (Engineering Type) For Trucks and Buses: SAE 1376 July 82. The procedure has been modified by elimination of the control vehicle and by modifications as described below. The inherent uncertainty and expense of utilizing a control vehicle over the operating life of the facility is impractical.

The fuel economy test will be performed as soon as possible (weather permitting) after the completion of the GVW portion of the structural durability test. It will be conducted on the bus test lane at the Penn State Test Facility. Signs are erected at carefully measured points which delineate the test course. A test run will comprise 3 CBD phases, 2 Arterial phases, and 1 Commuter phase. An electronic fuel measuring system will indicate the amount of fuel consumed during each phase of the test. The test runs will be repeated until there are at least two runs in both the clockwise and counterclockwise directions in which the fuel consumed for each run is within ± 4 percent of the average total fuel used over the 4 runs. A 20-minute idle consumption test is performed just prior to and immediately after the driven portion of the fuel economy test. The amount of fuel consumed while operating at normal/low idle is recorded on the Fuel Economy Data Form. This set of four valid runs along with idle consumption data comprise a valid test.

The test procedure is the ADB cycle with the following four modifications:

1. The ADB cycle is structured as a set number of miles in a fixed time in the following order: CBD, Arterial, CBD, Arterial, CBD, Commuter. A separate idle fuel consumption measurement is performed at the beginning and end of the fuel economy test. This phase sequence permits the reporting of fuel consumption for each of these phases separately, making the data more useful to bus manufacturers and transit properties.
2. The operating profile for testing purposes shall consist of simulated transit type service at seated load weight. The three test phases (figure 6-1) are: a central business district (CBD) phase of 2 miles with 7 stops per mile and a top speed of 20 mph; an arterial phase of 2 miles with 2 stops per mile and a top speed of 40 mph; and a commuter phase of 4 miles with 1 stop and a maximum speed of 40 mph. At each designated stop the bus will remain stationary for seven seconds. During this time, the passenger doors shall be opened and closed.
3. The individual ADB phases remain unaltered with the exception that 1 mile has been changed to 1 lap on the Penn State Test Track track. One lap is equal to 5,042 feet. This change is accommodated by adjusting the cruise distance and time.
4. The acceleration profile, for practical purposes and to achieve better repeatability, has been changed to "full throttle acceleration to cruise speed".

Several changes were made to the Fuel Economy Measurement Test (Engineering Type) For Trucks and Buses: SAE 1376 July 82:

1. Sections 1.1, and 1.2 only apply to diesel, gasoline, methanol, and any other fuel in the liquid state (excluding cryogenic fuels).

- 1.1 SAE 1376 July 82 requires the use of at least a 16-gal fuel tank. Such a fuel tank when full would weigh approximately 160 lb. It is judged that a 12-gal tank weighing approximately 120 lb will be sufficient for this test and much easier for the technician and test personnel to handle.

1.2 SAE 1376 July 82 mentions the use of a mechanical scale or a flowmeter system. This test procedure uses a load cell readout combination that provides an accuracy of 0.5 percent in weight and permits on-board weighing of the gravimetric tanks at the end of each phase. This modification permits the determination of a fuel economy value for each phase as well as the overall cycle.

2. Section 2.1 applies to compressed natural gas (CNG), liquified natural gas (LNG), cryogenic fuels, and other fuels in the vapor state.

2.1 A laminar type flowmeter will be used to determine the fuel consumption. The pressure and temperature across the flow element will be monitored by the flow computer. The flow computer will use this data to calculate the gas flow rate. The flow computer will also display the flow rate (scfm) as well as the total fuel used (scf). The total fuel used (scf) for each phase will be recorded on the Fuel Economy Data Form.

3. Use both Sections 1 and 2 for dual fuel systems.

FUEL ECONOMY CALCULATION PROCEDURE

A. For diesel, gasoline, methanol and fuels in the liquid state.

The reported fuel economy is based on the following: measured test quantities-- distance traveled (miles) and fuel consumed (pounds); standard reference values-- density of water at 60°F (8.3373 lbs/gal) and volumetric heating value of standard fuel; and test fuel specific gravity (unitless) and volumetric heating value (BTU/gal). These combine to give a fuel economy in miles per gallon (mpg) which is corrected to a standard gallon of fuel referenced to water at 60°F. This eliminates fluctuations in fuel economy due to fluctuations in fuel quality. This calculation has been programmed into a computer and the data processing is performed automatically.

The fuel economy correction consists of three steps:

- 1.) Divide the number of miles of the phase by the number of pounds of fuel consumed

phase	miles per phase	total miles per run
CBD	1.9097	5.7291
ART	1.9097	3.8193
COM	3.8193	3.8193

$$FE_{o_{mi/lb}} = \text{Observed fuel economy} = \frac{\text{miles}}{\text{lb of fuel}}$$

- 2.) Convert the observed fuel economy to miles per gallon [mpg] by multiplying by the specific gravity of the test fuel G_s (referred to water) at 60°F and multiply by the density of water at 60°F

$$FEo_{mpg} = FEc_{mi/lb} \times G_s \times G_w$$

where G_s = Specific gravity of test fuel at 60°F (referred to water)
 G_w = 8.3373 lb/gal

- 3.) Correct to a standard gallon of fuel by dividing by the volumetric heating value of the test fuel (H) and multiplying by the volumetric heating value of standard reference fuel (Q). Both heating values must have the same units.

$$FEc = FEo_{mpg} \times \frac{Q}{H}$$

where

H = Volumetric heating value of test fuel [BTU/gal]
 Q = Volumetric heating value of standard reference fuel

Combining steps 1-3 yields

$$\implies FEc = \frac{\text{miles}}{\text{lbs}} \times (G_s \times G_w) \times \frac{Q}{H}$$

- 4.) Convert the fuel economy from mpg to an energy equivalent of miles per BTU. Since the number would be extremely small in magnitude, the energy equivalent will be represented as miles/BTUx10⁶.

Eq = Energy equivalent of converting mpg to mile/BTUx10⁶.

$$Eq = ((mpg)/(H)) \times 10^6$$

B. CNG, LNG, cryogenic and other fuels in the vapor state.

The reported fuel economy is based on the following: measured test quantities-- distance traveled (miles) and fuel consumed (scf); density of test fuel, and volumetric heating value (BTU/lb) of test fuel at standard conditions (P=14.73 psi and T=60 °F).

These combine to give a fuel economy in miles per lb. The energy equivalent (mile/BTUx10⁶) will also be provided so that the results can be compared to buses that use other fuels.

- 1.) Divide the number of miles of the phase by the number of standard cubic feet (scf) of fuel consumed.

phase	miles per phase	total miles per run
CBD	1.9097	5.7291
ART	1.9097	3.8193
COM	3.8193	3.8193

$$FEO_{mi/scf} = \text{Observed fuel economy} = \frac{\text{miles}}{\text{scf of fuel}}$$

- 2.) Convert the observed fuel economy to miles per lb by dividing FEO by the density of the test fuel at standard conditions (Lb/ft³).

Note: The density of test fuel must be determined at standard conditions as described above. If the density is not defined at the above standard conditions, then a correction will be needed before the fuel economy can be calculated.

$$FEO_{mi/lb} = FEO / Gm$$

where Gm = Density of test fuel at standard conditions

- 3.) Convert the observed fuel economy (FEOmi/lb) to an energy equivalent of (miles/BTUx10⁶) by dividing the observed fuel economy (FEOmi/lb) by the heating value of the test fuel at standard conditions.

$$Eq = ((FEOmi/lb)/H) \times 10^6$$

where

Eq = Energy equivalent of miles/lb to mile/BTUx10⁶

H = Volumetric heating value of test fuel at standard conditions

6-III. DISCUSSION

This is a comparative test of fuel economy using number one diesel fuel with a heating value of 1,008.1 btu/lb. The driving cycle consists of Central Business District (CBD), Arterial (ART), and Commuter (COM) phases as described in 6-II. The fuel consumption for each driving cycle and for idle is measured separately. The results are corrected to a reference fuel with a volumetric heating value of 127,700.0 btu/gal.

An extensive pretest maintenance check is made including the replacement of all lubrication fluids. The details of the pretest maintenance are given in the first three Pretest Maintenance Forms. The fourth sheet shows the Pretest Inspection. The next sheet shows the correction calculation for the test fuel. The next four Fuel Economy Forms provide the data from the four test runs. Finally, the summary sheet provides the average fuel consumption. The overall average is based on total fuel and total mileage for each phase. The overall average fuel consumption values were; CBD - 0.66 M/lb, ART - 0.78 M/lb, and COM - 1.29 M/lb. Average fuel consumption at idle was 6.27 lb/hr (149.1 Scf/hr).

FUEL ECONOMY PRE-TEST MAINTENANCE FORM

Bus Number: 0209	Date: 3-19-02	SLW (lbs): 27,980
Personnel: S.C.		

FUEL SYSTEM	OK	Date	Initials
Install fuel measurement system	✓	3-19-02	S.C.
Replace fuel filter	✓	3-19-02	S.C.
Check for fuel leaks	✓	3-19-02	S.C.
Specify fuel type (refer to fuel analysis)			
Remarks: none			
BRAKES/TIRES	OK	Date	Initials
Inspect hoses	✓	3-19-02	S.C.
Inspect brakes	✓	3-19-02	S.C.
Relube wheel bearings	✓	3-19-02	S.C.
Check tire inflation pressures (mfg. specs.)	✓	3-19-02	S.C.
Remarks: none			
COOLING SYSTEM	OK	Date	Initials
Check hoses and connections	✓	3-19-02	S.C.
Check system for coolant leaks	✓	3-19-02	S.C.
Remarks: none			

FUEL ECONOMY PRE-TEST MAINTENANCE FORM (page 2)

Bus Number: 0209	Date: 3-19-02		
Personnel: S.C.			
ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS	OK	Date	Initials
Check battery	✓	3-19-02	S.C.
Inspect wiring	✓	3-19-02	S.C.
Inspect terminals	✓	3-19-02	S.C.
Check lighting	✓	3-19-02	S.C.
Remarks: none			
DRIVE SYSTEM	OK	Date	Initials
Drain transmission fluid	✓	3-19-02	S.C.
Replace filter/gasket	✓	3-19-02	S.C.
Check hoses and connections	✓	3-19-02	S.C.
Replace transmission fluid	✓	3-19-02	S.C.
Check for fluid leaks	✓	3-19-02	S.C.
Remarks: none			
LUBRICATION	OK	Date	Initials
Drain crankcase oil	✓	3-19-02	S.C.
Replace filters	✓	3-19-02	S.C.
Replace crankcase oil	✓	3-19-02	S.C.
Check for oil leaks	✓	3-19-02	S.C.
Check oil level	✓	3-19-02	S.C.
Lube all chassis grease fittings	✓	3-19-02	S.C.
Lube universal joints	✓	3-19-02	S.C.
Replace differential lube including axles	✓	3-19-02	S.C.
Remarks: none			

FUEL ECONOMY PRE-TEST MAINTENANCE FORM (page 3)

Bus Number: 0209	Date: 3-19-02		
Personnel: S.C.			
EXHAUST/EMISSION SYSTEM	OK	Date	Initials
Check for exhaust leaks	✓	3-19-02	S.C.
Remarks: none			
ENGINE	OK	Date	Initials
Replace air filter	✓	3-19-02	S.C.
Inspect air compressor and air system	✓	3-19-02	S.C.
Inspect vacuum system, if applicable	✓	3-19-02	S.C.
Check and adjust all drive belts	✓	3-19-02	S.C.
Check cold start assist, if applicable	✓	3-19-02	S.C.
Remarks: none			
STEERING SYSTEM	OK	Date	Initials
Check power steering hoses and connectors	✓	3-19-02	S.C.
Service fluid level	✓	3-19-02	S.C.
Check power steering operation	✓	3-19-02	S.C.
Remarks: none			
	OK	Date	Initials
Ballast bus to seated load weight	✓	3-19-02	S.C.
TEST DRIVE	OK	Date	Initials
Check brake operation	✓	3-19-02	S.C.
Check transmission operation	✓	3-19-02	S.C.
Remarks: none			

FUEL ECONOMY PRE-TEST INSPECTION FORM

Bus Number: 0209	Date: 3-21-02
Personnel: S.C.	
PRE WARM-UP	If OK, Initial
Fuel Economy Pre-Test Maintenance Form is complete	S.C.
Cold tire pressure (psi): Front <u>131</u> Middle <u>N/A</u> Rear <u>123</u>	S.C.
Tire wear:	S.C.
Engine oil level	S.C.
Engine coolant level	S.C.
Interior and exterior lights on, evaporator fan on	S.C.
Fuel economy instrumentation installed and working properly.	S.C.
Fuel line -- no leaks or kinks	S.C.
Speed measuring system installed on bus. Speed indicator installed in front of bus and accessible to TECH and Driver.	S.C.
Bus is loaded to SLW	S.C.
WARM-UP	If OK, Initial
Bus driven for at least one hour warm-up	S.C.
No extensive or black smoke from exhaust	S.C.
POST WARM-UP	If OK, Initial
Warm tire pressure (psi): Front <u>132</u> Middle <u>N/A</u> Rear <u>125</u>	S.C.
Environmental conditions Average wind speed <12 mph and maximum gusts <15 mph Ambient temperature between 30°(-1°) and 90°F(32°C) Track surface is dry Track is free of extraneous material and clear of interfering traffic	S.C.

FUEL ECONOMY DATA FORM (Gaseous Fuels)

Bus Number: 0209		Manufacturer: Eldorado National		Date: 3-21-02	
Run Number: 1		Personnel: S.C. & B.S.			
Test Direction: <input type="checkbox"/> CW or <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CCW		Ambient Temperature (°F): 42		Humidity (%): 57	
SLW (lbs): 27,980		Wind Speed (mph) & Direction: 10 / W		Barometric Pressure (in.Hg): 29.94	
Cycle Type	Run Time (min:sec)		Cycle Time (min:sec)	Fuel Temperature (°F)	Total Fuel Used (SCF)
	Start	Finish		Start	
CBD #1	0	8:34	8:34	52.2	69.5
ART #1	0	3:58	3:58	38.8	64.3
CBD #2	0	8:26	8:26	48.3	70.1
ART #2	0	4:01	4:01	45.8	59.3
CBD #3	0	8:34	8:34	52.9	66.5
COMMUTER	0	5:56	5:56	53.7	68.0
Total Fuel: 397.7 SCF					
20 minute idle : Total Fuel Used = 55.6 SCF					
No Load Flow Rate at Idle = 2.78 SCFM			No Load Flow Rate at Full Throttle = 11.56 SCFM		
Heating Value = 1,008.1 BTU/LB					
Comments:					

FUEL ECONOMY DATA FORM (Gaseous Fuels)

Bus Number: 0209		Manufacturer: EIDorado		Date: 3-21-02	
Run Number: 2		Personnel: S.C. & B.S.			
Test Direction: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CW or <input type="checkbox"/> CCW		Ambient Temperature (°F): 45		Humidity (%): 57	
SLW (lbs): 27,980		Wind Speed (mph) & Direction: 10 / W		Barometric Pressure (in.Hg): 29.94	
Cycle Type	Run Time (min:sec)		Cycle Time (min:sec)	Fuel Temperature (°F)	Total Fuel Used (SCF)
	Start	Finish		Start	
CBD #1	0	8:46	8:46	60.3	69.9
ART #1	0	4:11	4:11	53.9	57.7
CBD #2	0	8:41	8:41	56.6	72.7
ART #2	0	4:06	4:06	57.3	59.1
CBD #3	0	8:32	8:32	56.1	74.3
COMMUTER	0	5:51	5:51	55.3	75.5
Total Fuel: 409.2 SCF					
20 minute idle : Total Fuel Used = N/A SCF					
No Load Flow Rate at Idle = N/A SCFM			No Load Flow Rate at Full Throttle = N/A SCFM		
Heating Value = 1,008.1 BTU/LB					
Comments: none					

FUEL ECONOMY DATA FORM (Gaseous Fuels)

Bus Number: 0209		Manufacturer: Eldorado National		Date: 3-21-02	
Run Number: 3		Personnel: S.C. & B.S.			
Test Direction: <input type="checkbox"/> CW or <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CCW		Ambient Temperature (°F): 45		Humidity (%): 57	
SLW (lbs): 27,980		Wind Speed (mph) & Direction: 10 / W		Barometric Pressure (in.Hg): 29.94	
Cycle Type	Run Time (min:sec)		Cycle Time (min:sec)	Fuel Temperature (°F)	Total Fuel Used (SCF)
	Start	Finish		Start	
CBD #1	0	8:49	8:49	61.2	69.0
ART #1	0	4:08	4:08	58.8	56.5
CBD #2	0	8:35	8:35	57.3	69.8
ART #2	0	4:04	4:04	61.3	56.4
CBD #3	0	8:36	8:36	59.9	68.3
COMMUTER	0	5:58	5:58	57.4	72.0
Total Fuel: 392.0 SCF					
20 minute idle : Total Fuel Used = N/A SCF					
No Load Flow Rate at Idle = N/A SCFM			No Load Flow Rate at Full Throttle = N/A SCFM		
Heating Value = 1,008.1 BTU/LB					
Comments: none					

FUEL ECONOMY DATA FORM (Gaseous Fuels)

Bus Number: 0209		Manufacturer: Eldorado National		Date: 3-22-02	
Run Number: 4		Personnel: S.C. & B.S.			
Test Direction: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CW or <input type="checkbox"/> CCW		Ambient Temperature (°F): 32		Humidity (%): 44	
SLW (lbs): 27,980		Wind Speed (mph) & Direction: 10 / W		Barometric Pressure (in.Hg): 29.95	
Cycle Type	Run Time (min:sec)		Cycle Time (min:sec)	Fuel Temperature (°F)	Total Fuel Used (SCF)
	Start	Finish		Start	
CBD #1	0	8:29	8:29	30.8	63.8
ART #1	0	4:07	4:07	32.8	58.2
CBD #2	0	8:29	8:29	33.7	65.4
ART #2	0	4:07	4:07	31.1	56.1
CBD #3	0	8:30	8:30	39.6	66.8
COMMUTER	0	6:09	6:09	39.3	67.1
Total Fuel: 377.4 SCF					
20 minute idle : Total Fuel Used = 43.8 SCF					
No Load Flow Rate at Idle = 2.13 SCFM			No Load Flow Rate at Full Throttle = 10.12 SCFM		
Heating Value = 1,008.1 BTU/LB					
Comments: none					

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FUEL ECONOMY SUMMARY SHEET

BUS MANUFACTURER : ELDORADO NATIONAL BUS NUMBER : 0209
 BUS MODEL : EZ-RIDER II TEST DATE : 03/21/02

FUEL TYPE : NATURAL GAS
 SP. GRAVITY : .5770
 HEATING VALUE : 1008.10 BTU/cf
 Standard Conditions : 60 deg F and 14.7 psi
 Density of Air : 0.0729 lb/scf

CYCLE	TOTAL FUEL USED (Scf)	TOTAL MILES	FUEL ECONOMY M/Scf(Measured)	FUEL ECONOMY M/Lb(Corrected)
Run # :1, CCW				
CBD	206.1	5.73	.03	.66
ART	123.6	3.82	.03	.73
COM	68.0	3.82	.06	1.34
TOTAL	397.7	13.37	.03	.80
Run # :2, CW				
CBD	216.9	5.73	.03	.63
ART	116.8	3.82	.03	.78
COM	75.5	3.82	.05	1.20
TOTAL	409.2	13.37	.03	.78
Run # :3, CCW				
CBD	207.1	5.73	.03	.66
ART	112.9	3.82	.03	.80
COM	72.0	3.82	.05	1.26
TOTAL	392.0	13.37	.03	.81
Run # :4, CW				
CBD	196.0	5.73	.03	.70
ART	114.3	3.82	.03	.79
COM	67.1	3.82	.06	1.35
TOTAL	377.4	13.37	.04	.84

 IDLE CONSUMPTION

First 20 Minutes Data : 55.6 Scf Last 20 Minutes Data : 43.8 Scf
 Average Idle Consumption : 149.1 Scf/Hr

RUN CONSISTENCY: % Difference from overall average of total fuel used

Run 1 : -.9 Run 2 : -3.8 Run 3 : .5 Run 4 : 4.2

SUMMARY

Average Idle Consumption : 6.27 LB/Hr
 Average CBD Phase Consumption : .66 M/Lb
 Average Arterial Phase Consumption : .78 M/Lb
 Average Commuter Phase Consumption : 1.29 M/Lb
 Overall Average Fuel Consumption : .81 M/Lb
 Overall Average Fuel Consumption : 33.68 Miles/ Million BTU